

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph.

Referring to Fig. 1C, an interface panel 20 is provided on the lower front of body 12 which panel includes at least one LCD display 22 or other suitable display indicating, for example, the current volume setting of the piston stop and other appropriate information. A plurality of control buttons may also be provided, three such buttons being shown in the figure. These buttons may, for example, be an UP button 24, a DOWN button 26 and LOCK or ENTER button 28. The manner in which these buttons may be utilized to control stop settings will be briefly described later and are described in greater detail in co-pending application serial number 09/873,521 entitled IMPROVED HAND-HELD PIPETTE filed concurrently herewith, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,601,433 to Kriz et al., the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph.

A second thumb-operated button 30 also extends from the top of body 12. Button 30, when pushed, releases an ejector component of nozzle portion 12 to eject a tip mounted to nozzle 32, for example in the manner described in co-pending application serial number _____09/873,842 entitled AUTOMATIC PIPETTE IDENTIFICATION AND DETIPPING also filed concurrently herewith, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,749,812 to Cronenberg et al., the subject matter of this application also being incorporated herein by reference.